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In re Application of

Steward, Lance E., et al.

Serial No.: 09/942,024

Filed: August 28, 2001

For: FRET PROTEASE ASSAYS FOR  
BOTULINUM SEROTYPE A/E TOXINSMail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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 Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27  
 Also attached: Formal Drawings

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Respectfully submitted,

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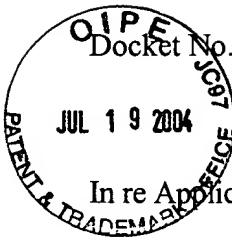
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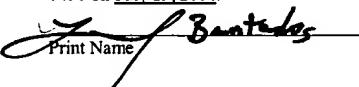
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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed April 22, 2004, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.